## **EXHIBIT O**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-11924-RGS

IAN J. BROWN, JAMES BROWN, and BARBARA BROWN, Plaintiffs,

V.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC., and BOSTON EDISON COMPANY d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC, Defendants.

## AFFIDAVIT OF IAN J. BROWN

I, Ian J. Brown, hereby state as follows:

- I graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999, and, on January 4, 2002, I was serving as a U.S. Air Force First Lieutenant stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts.
- On January 4, 2002, I was rendered a paraplegic as the result of an off-base motorcycle accident that occurred on a public, civilian roadway in Bedford, Massachusetts. At the time of the accident, I was twenty-five years old, and I was operating my privately-owned motorcycle.
- The civilian roadway upon which I was traveling at the time of my accident was adjacent to property owned by the United States.

- 4. The motorcycle accident apparently occurred when I struck a depression in the road, which caused me to lose control of my motorcycle.
- 5. After becoming separated from my motorcycle, I hit a guardrail along the roadway, and I put myself into a tucked position as my momentum carried me along the guardrail. Despite these efforts to protect myself, I suffered devastating injuries when the guardrail propelled me, headfirst, into a telephone pole that was located on the "road side" of the guardrail.
- 6. At the time of my motorcycle accident, I was returning to Hanscom AFB from lunch, which I had eaten at my government-owned, but off-base, living quarters.
- At the time of my accident, I was under no military orders, duty or compulsion to eat lunch at my home.
- 8. Instead of going home to eat lunch on the day of my motorcycle accident, I could have chose to avoid eating lunch altogether, or eaten on base, or traveled to a local restaurant for lunch.
- At the time of my accident, I was under no military orders, duty or compulsion to be riding my motorcycle along the public roadway where my accident occurred.

SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2005

Ian J. Brown